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Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

Keywords

Henri Temianka, Martin Kamen, November 17, 1963, culture, virtuosity in musical performance, violinist, chamber music, camaraderie, Emmy Temianka, wife, husband, family, son, children, health and sickness, death, discontent

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into a coma from which she never emerged.

She is now resting in our family plot in Chicago, from whence David and I have just returned. I am now starting on this chore of writing to all of the people who would want to know. And there ^{are} many all over the world.

David is adjusting well, as could be expected in view of the marvelous job she did on him. I am not doing so well. Fortunately there is so much to do - sorting her papers, manuscripts, etc., - that I can dull the numbness and pain to some extent.

We had many conversations when her illness allowed her lucidity and our future plans are quite explicit.

But for now there are the memories - and we are fortunate

Here because she left us
a store varied and rich
beyond description. She
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And this is all I can
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As ever

Martin

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